

economic summit in New Zealand last week to chat with President Clinton."

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The White House will not talk about it, but the Indonesians say Riady did not discuss anything sensitive with the President.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Clinton is the head law enforcement officer of the United States. He and Janet Reno have once again made a mockery of the Congress and the American people.

PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would urge my colleagues today and tomorrow to vote only for the Norwood-Dingell managed care reform, the Patients' Bill of Rights.

Every effort is being made with the rule that we will adopt today in the House to try to mess up the Patients' Bill of Rights and make sure that it is ultimately defeated and does not go on to the Senate.

The Patients' Bill of Rights, the Norwood-Dingell bill, would change the way medical care is provided by guaranteeing that the doctor and the patients make the decisions about what kind of care they get rather than the insurance company and it would provide for enforcement through an external independent review process if their medical care has been denied and ultimately to the federal courts.

The phony access bill that the Republican leadership will put up on the floor today does nothing for the uninsured. It does not help the uninsured at all. All it does is to make it more difficult to pass the Norwood-Dingell Patients' Bill of Rights.

The substitutes that are going to be proposed tomorrow as alternatives to the Norwood-Dingell bill, all they do is basically water down their ability to get adequate patient protections and to enforce what kind of care they should get either in a court of law or through external review.

Vote for Norwood-Dingell. Vote against all the substitutes tomorrow.

MANAGED CARE REFORM IS LONG OVERDUE

(Mr. SHAYS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I am for malpractice reform. I am for product liability reform. I think we have too many lawsuits. But I do not believe HMOs should cause the injury or death of someone and escape liability, and neither do any or most of my constituents.

I have been having community meetings the last few weeks. I asked Repub-

licans. I asked Democrats. I asked the young. I asked the old. I asked conservatives. I asked moderates. I asked liberals. And almost everyone says HMOs should not escape liability.

I believe we need a patients' health care bill of rights, and I am going to support one. I think it is long overdue that we are addressing this issue.

REJECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

(Mr. BECERRA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, today we see the injustice that the majority party is doing with regard to America's right to be able to go to a hospital and get decent health care.

But yesterday was a further injustice, this time in the other body, the Senate, where the Senate, in the first time for some 20 years, decided to reject the nomination of the President of the United States of a court nomination.

The gentleman in this case was a gentleman named Ronny White, a sitting Supreme Court justice in the State of Missouri. He also happened to be African American, the first African American in that State to sit on the Supreme Court in that State.

He was rejected despite the fact that in committee in the Senate he passed with Republican support. Yet, when his vote came to the Senate floor, the Senators rejected him on the Republican side, including those who had voted for him in committee.

Outrageous because this is the first time in some 20 years that we have seen this happen, but outrageous because it is the first time in my memory that someone has been rejected for reasons other than his qualifications.

We have seen this happen now yesterday. I am afraid it may happen again when we have other judges of minority background who may face the same consequences by this Republican Senate. It is outrageous and we need to stop that. Hopefully the outrage will stop by the year 2000.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BONILLA). The Speaker would remind Members not to characterize actions taken by the other body or to encourage that they take specific action.

PRESIDENT IS GOING TO VETO FOREIGN AID BILL

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I am still confused. The President said in January, let us put Social Security first. So, taking him for his word, the Republican conference says, we agree. We will reserve House Resolution 1, the first bill of the legislative session, for consideration for the President's Social Security reform package.

Well, that was in January. Here we are in October. No bill, no legislation, nothing from the President on Social Security protection.

Here is what we do have. He said he wanted to protect 62 percent of the Social Security Trust Fund. Republicans want to protect 100 percent. He said he is against the lockbox. The lockbox works the same way as a security deposit box in the bank works. They put the money in there and then nothing can get out. But the President is against that.

Now we find out he is going to veto the foreign aid bill because he wants to spend more money but the only surplus that is left is Social Security.

So I am really confused now. The President is going to veto foreign aid so he can spend at its current level, so he can spend Social Security dollars in foreign countries. It does not make sense, Mr. Speaker.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 340, nays 68, answered "present" 1, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 481]
YEAS—340

Ackerman	Bateman	Boswell
Allen	Bentsen	Boyd
Andrews	Bereuter	Brady (TX)
Archer	Berkley	Brown (FL)
Armey	Berman	Bryant
Bachus	Berry	Burr
Baker	Biggert	Burton
Baldacci	Blirakis	Buyer
Baldwin	Bishop	Callahan
Ballenger	Bliley	Calvert
Barcia	Blumenauer	Camp
Barr	Blunt	Campbell
Barrett (NE)	Boehlert	Canady
Barrett (WI)	Boehner	Cannon
Bartlett	Bonilla	Capps
Barton	Bonior	Cardin
Bass	Bono	Carson